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Mahalo, Dean!

I heard Audrey McAvoy posted something, too, just before the press conference but I hadn't had a chance to look.

Aloha,  
Agnes

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Hi Agnes,

Thank you again for all your help in making the roll out of the AOC go really well! Please share with Capt. Tufts, Capt. Epps and Commander Vogel, I'll be passing along other coverage as I see/find it.

Thanks!

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KITV News Website story off the release includes Senator Brian Schatz quote...

Plan to upgrade Red Hill fuel tanks approved

Military will consider alternate fuel storage options

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HONOLULU -Almost two years after a massive fuel spill at Red Hill, officials with the Navy, Environmental Protection Agency and the state health department have signed off on a plan to upgrade the massive underground fuel tanks.

The settlement comes after a 50-day public comment period. The plan maps out a timeline for immediate and long-term steps to minimize future leaks and the threat to Oahu's drinking water.

The Administrative Order on Consent agrees to involve the Board of Water Supply and the Department of Land and Natural Resources and to install additional monitoring wells.

It also adds language that the military will consider alternate fuel storage options, which could include moving to another site or going above ground.

A joint news conference is scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday to discuss the plan going forward.

"The signed agreements between the EPA, the Hawai'i State Department of Health, the Navy, and Defense Logistics Agency provide a pragmatic path forward for the Navy to reduce the risk of future fuel leaks at the Red Hill facility and protect Oahu's drinking water," said Sen. Brian Schatz. "But we have to remain vigilant. I will continue to work with the Navy to ensure it has the resources it needs to continuously monitor and upgrade the facility so that it can continue to safely operate this strategic fuel depot in the Asia Pacific. And I will closely monitor the Navy's implementation of the Administrative Order on Consent and execution of the Statement of Work to ensure it is making good on its responsibilities to the people of Hawai'i and be a good steward of the environment."

Thanks!

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